

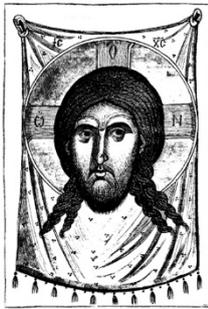
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DORMITION
AUGUST 15TH



PARISH FEAST
AUGUST 16TH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

8th Sunday After Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy
 Coffee Hour / Open Pool

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

7:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Dormition of the Theotokos

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Liturgy w/ Bsg. of Flowers
 7:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Icon Not-Made-By-Hands

Our Parish Feastday

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

5:00p.m. Bible Study
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

9th Sunday After Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy
 Coffee Hour / Open Pool

Sing, O you people, sing the praises of the mother of our God, for today she delivers her soul, full of light into the pure hands of Him who was incarnate of her without seed, and she entreats Him without ceasing to grant the inhabited earth peace and great mercy.

From Great Vespers on Dormition

A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors! It's good to have you with us!



The Summer Pascha – August 15th

The great feast commemorating the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Virgin Mary, is celebrated on August 15th. It's not too late to schedule your confession, please just contact Fr. John. Come and celebrate the feast, asking the intercessions of the Mother of God!

Our Patronal Feast – August 16th

The feast of our Mission is celebrated each year on August 16th, when the Church commemorates the revealing of the Icon Not-Made-By-Hands. This is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the Lord's gift of this parish to us! We have much to give thanks for – let us do so!



Prayers for Teachers and Students – August 25th

We will ask God's blessing for the academic year on Sunday, August 25th.



Bible Studies

are being held on Saturday evenings at 5:00pm in the "Quiet Room", and will conclude just before the Vespers at 6:00pm. This is a great and enjoyable way to learn together about your Faith. Everyone is invited to attend. Questions are welcome and discussion is lively. Come and see!

Open Pool

After the Divine Liturgy, the pool will be open for swimming until 1pm. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Notes: 1) Swimming will begin after the food is blessed. 2) Toys, food, and garbage should be cleaned up before leaving for home.



Vacation Planning

An online directory of Orthodox churches in North America is available at orthodoxyinamerica.org. Everyone needs a vacation sometime, but who really wants or can afford a vacation from God? If you don't have the internet, ask your priest to help find you a parish while you are away. If you are planning to receive Holy Communion while away, it is good order to contact the priest in advance.

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give an email or a call. Let them know that you miss them. Our parish is a family, and families check up on each other.

Going to the Hospital?

Please let your priest know, so that he can add you to the prayer list (public or private), or, if you like, pay you a visit.



✠	OPERATING			EARMARKED			ACCOUNTS		READER SCHEDULE	
	THRU 7/31	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	THRU 7/31	THIS MONTH	THIS YEAR	OPERATING			
INCOME	66,104	2,384	68,488	15,110	0	15,110	EARMARKED	18,839	8/11	Beth Dunbar
EXPENSE	64,827	9,261	74,088	2,885	0	2,885	SAVINGS	12,000	8/18	Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia
NET	+1,277	-6,877	-5,600	+12,225	0	+12,225	BUILDING	5,000	8/25	Megan Wilkinson
									9/1	Rdr. George Kaloroumakis

THE DORMITION (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE VIRGIN MARY

From the Prologue of Ochrid – August 15th

The Lord who, on Sinai, gave the Fifth Commandment: 'Honor thy father and thy mother', showed by His own example how one must reverence one's parents. Hanging in agony on the Cross, He remembered His mother, and, indicating the Apostle John, said to her: 'Woman, behold thy son!', and to John: 'Behold thy mother!' And, with this concern for His mother, He breathed His last. John had a home on Zion in Jerusalem, where he settled the Mother of God and left her to pass her remaining days on earth. By her prayers, her kindly advice, her meekness and patience, she was of immense help to her Son's apostles. She spent virtually the rest of her life in Jerusalem, often going round the places that reminded her of the great events and the great works associated with and performed by her Son. She especially visited Golgotha, Bethlehem and the Mount of Olives. Of her journeys farther afield, her visit to St Ignatius the God-Bearer is recorded, as are those to St Lazarus the Four-days-dead, Bishop of Cyprus, to the Holy Mountain, to which she gave her blessing, and her stay in Ephesus with John during a fierce persecution of Christians in Jerusalem. In old age, she often prayed to her Lord and God on the Mount of Olives, on the spot from which He ascended, to take her from this world. One day, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and revealed that she would enter into rest in three days' time, and the angel gave her a palm-branch to be carried in her funeral procession. She returned home with great joy, with the

heartfelt hope that she would see Christ's apostles once more in this life. The Lord fulfilled her desire and all the apostles, brought by angels and clouds, gathered together at John's house on Zion. It was with great joy that she saw the holy apostles, and she encouraged, advised and upheld them, then peacefully gave her soul into God's hands without the slightest physical pain or struggle. The apostles took the coffin containing her body, from which an

aromatic fragrance arose, and, accompanied by many Christians, took it to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the grave of Sts Joachim and Anna. By God's providence, they were hidden from the wicked Jews by a cloud. A Jewish priest, Antony, touched the coffin with his hand, intending to overturn it, but at that moment an angel of God cut off both his hands. He cried out with the pain, begging the apostles' help, and was healed in confessing his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was left to the Apostle Thomas, who was delayed, again by God's providence, to reveal a new and glorious mystery



about the holy Mother of God. He arrived on the third day, and desired to embrace the body of the holy and most pure. When the apostles opened her grave, he found only the winding-sheet - the body was not in the grave. That evening, she appeared to the apostles, surrounded by a multitude of angels, and said to them: 'Rejoice; I will be with you always!' It is not known exactly how old the Mother of God was at the time of her falling-asleep, but the prevailing belief is that she had reached the age of sixty.

Troparion - Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity, in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion - Tone 2

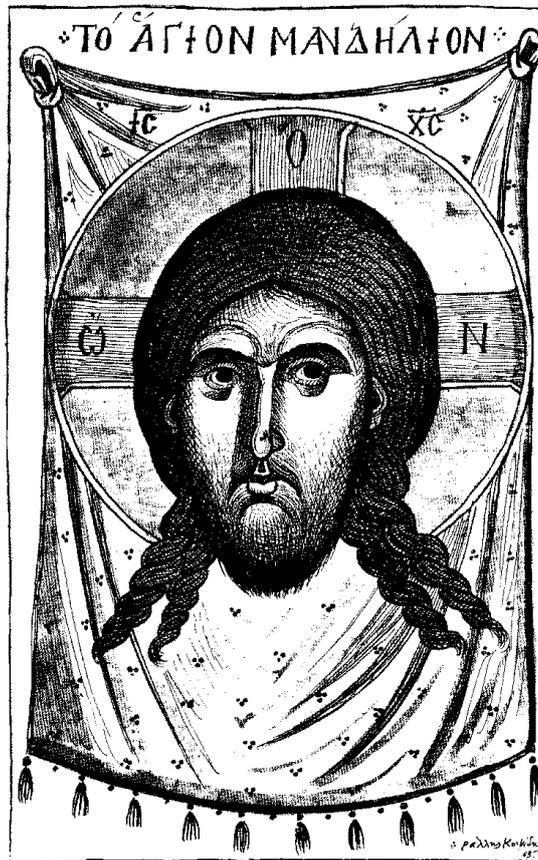
Neither the tomb, nor death could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.

ABOUT THE ICON NOT-MADE-BY-HANDS

From the Prologue of Ochrid – August 16th

At the time when our Lord preached the Good News and healed every illness and infirmity of men, there lived in the city of Edessa on the shore of the Euphrates Prince Abgar who was completely infected with leprosy. He heard of Christ, the Healer of every pain and disease and sent an artist, Ananias, to Palestine with a letter to Christ in which he begged the Lord to come to Edessa and to cure him of leprosy. In the event that the Lord was unable to come, the prince ordered Ananias to portray His likeness and to bring it to him, believing that this likeness would be able to restore his health. The Lord answered that He was unable to come, for the time of His passion was approaching took a towel, wiped His face and, on the towel, His All-pure face was perfectly pictured. The Lord gave this towel to Ananias with the message that the prince will be healed by it, but not entirely, and later on, He would send him a messenger who would erase the remainder of his disease. Receiving the towel, Prince Abgar kissed it and the leprosy completely fell from his body but a little of it remained on his face. Later, the Apostle Thaddeus, preaching the Gospel, came to Abgar and secretly healed and baptized him. The prince then destroyed the idols which stood before the gates of the city and above the gates he placed the towel

with the likeness of Christ attached to wood, framed in a gold frame and adorned with pearls. Also, the prince wrote beneath the icon on the gates: "O Christ God, no one will be ashamed who hopes in You." For many years after King Abgar's reign, Edessa remained a faithful Christian city.



However, when one of Abgar's great grandsons restored idolatry, the bishop of Edessa came by night and secretly walled up the miraculous icon over the gates. Many believed the icon to have been destroyed by the new idolatrous king and the icon was soon forgotten; even though it was to remain safely hidden within the walls for nearly 400 years. In 545 AD, during the reign of Emperor Justinian, the Persian King Chozroes attacked Edessa and the city was in great hardship. It happened that Eulabius, the Bishop of Edessa, had a vision in which was revealed to him the mystery of the sealed wall and the forgotten icon. The icon was discovered and, by its power,

the Persian army was defeated. After that it stayed in Edessa for a long time, and many famous people from history came to see it. In the year 944 AD, it was taken to the city of Constantinople and placed in a church, where it remained until 1204 AD, when the Crusaders carried it off. The miraculous icon was never seen again.

Troparion - Tone 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world!

Kontakion - Tone 2

Word of the Father, Who cannot be circumscribed, as we behold the victorious image of Thy true Incarnation, not made by hands, but divinely wrought in Thine ineffable and divine dispensation towards us, we honor it with veneration!

THIS CATHEDRAL BUILT A 50-FOOT FAIRGROUND RIDE INSIDE TO MAKE EVERYTHING MORE FUN

TIME.com / Raisa Bruner / August 9, 2019

Cathedrals are known to induce awe. Sometimes they produce amazement. A feeling of celebration? At some moments. But what about fairground-style, straight-up fun?

The Norwich Cathedral in Norfolk, England rolled with that concept this week, when they built a giant, 50-foot-tall helter skelter fairground ride directly inside the church's nave, allowing visitors to ride up and see the Cathedral's detailed wooden ceiling and medieval architecture more closely.

It's part of an initiative called "seeing it differently" that aims to help tourists and churchgoers access a new part of their visiting experience. And it's certainly got people talking.

"The fun comes in the shape of a helter skelter. The serious comes in creating opportunities for reflective, God-shaped conversations," wrote Reverend Canon Andy Bryant about the installation, which was inspired by his time spent as a tourist in the Sistine Chapel. "It is playful in its intent but also profoundly missional. It is the Cathedral doing what it has always done – encouraging conversations about God."

Not everyone agrees. The Right Reverend Dr. Gavin Ashenden told the BBC he saw the ride as a "naff" choice. "For such a place, steeped in mystery and marvel to buy in to sensory pleasure and distraction, is to poison the very medicine it offers the human soul," he said.

Luckily for the naysayers, the helter skelter isn't a permanent church fixture, just a temporary addition open through Aug. 18. It's joined by activities like a "trust rail" and a "walking Salvation tour." It all sounds like it's sure to be a unique religious experience.



PEW SURVEY SHOWS MAJORITY OF CATHOLICS DON'T BELIEVE IN 'REAL PRESENCE'

Catholic News Service / Mark Pattison / August 8, 2019

WASHINGTON — A new study about the level of Catholic belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist showed that a majority of Catholics do not believe that the bread and wine used at Mass become the body and blood of Christ.

The report drew a strong rebuke from Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles, who posted Aug. 6 on Twitter: "It's hard to describe how angry I feel after reading what the latest @pewresearch study reveals about understanding of the Eucharist among Catholics. This should be a wake-up call to all of us in the Church."

In a video that accompanied the post, Bishop Barron's anger is not directed at Pew, but inward. "I'm blaming myself, bishops, priests and anybody" responsible for transmitting the faith, he said. "We're all guilty."

He added, "It's been a massive failure of the church carrying on its own tradition."

The Pew study, issued Aug. 5, showed that 69% of all self-identified Catholics said they believed the bread and wine used at Mass are not Jesus, but instead "symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ." The other 31% believed in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, known as transubstantiation.

"Most Catholics who believe that the bread and wine are symbolic do not know that the church holds that transubstantiation occurs," said Gregory Smith, associate director of research at Pew Research Center in Washington. "Overall, 43% of Catholics believe that the bread and wine are symbolic and also that this reflects the position of the church. "Still, one in five Catholics — 22% — reject the idea of transubstantiation, even though they know about the church's teaching," Smith said.



Roman Catholic priest at New Mass in costume
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=WWo-7uVR8yI>